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Declaration of the Honorable

Victorie obtained by the French King in  
winning of *Nojan*, and ouerthrow  
of the Duke de Maine his  
Forces.

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A DISCOVERSE WRITTEN  
from the French Kings Campe, lying before  
Noyan, the viii. day of August,  
Anno 1591.



HE town  
of Noyan  
being be-  
legur'd by  
the kinges  
Maiestye,  
was con-  
strained to  
great ex-  
tremitye:  
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Vicount Tauanes set forwardes towardes the  
the said towne, and came thither in the night  
season, accompanied with foure hundred  
horse, and about fivie hundred footmen: Yet  
such was his bad successe in his pretence for  
succouring the town of Noyan, that his whol  
power was broken, slaine, discomfited, and ta-

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ken prisoners: and more then that, to the great griefe of the Leagers, himself was taken prisoner, and in the assault sore wounded.

This newes being brought to the forces of the Leaguers, caused the Duke D'Aumaulero resolute an attempt for his releasement: and thereupon hauing assembled about five hundred horse, came and made his generall assembly in the towne of Han, which is not about four leagues from the sayde Noyan. From whence, on the seventh of August, hee sent three hundred of his best horse to the fight, together with a company of Harquebuziers, who went before, and the sayd Horsemen lingered behind in a village, not farre from the reteward, who soon after set forward, and gaue a charge vpon the quarter of the Kings light horse, where they were well receaued. With him there came to the said alarme, the Lords of Lagne, and of Lawney, his brother, with their companies, who are of some force. These ioynly ioyned with the light horsemen, greatly strengthened the forces of the leaguers. Neuerthelesse, after many charges, and sharpe assaults geuen on either part (the Kings side alwayes hauing the greatest likelihood of victorie) both the companies began to retire.

At which retire came in that valiant soldier  
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and honourable man at armes, the Lord Baron of Biron, who albeit that he was not accompanied with aboute twelue of his own men, yet the Kings forces supposing he had brought in some store of fresh soldiers, so soone as they once heard him named, took a wonderful and vnspeakeable courage, and seeing him in the midst of them, they gaue a fresh charge vpon the enemye, in such sort, and with such force, that they did driue the enemye euen into the gates of Han, from whence they had issued. To whom there was also comming a new succor, and fresh supply of men, who perceiuing the euill successe of the rest, returned in the forefront, so that some of the kings maiesties forces followed them euen into their barriours.

This fight was great, for there were at the least twelue seuerall charges and assaultes given, in which there was some store of armed men slaine on the enemies side, with diuers of their Captains. Among whom was slayn Don Francisco of Gueuara, the best captain of light horsemen that the king of Spayne had in the low Countreys. The Lieutenant to the sayde Francisco de Gueuara, was also slayn outright. It is supposed that the Lieutenant to the Governour of Han was also taken and slaine, with fundrie other of great account.

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The Lord of Long-champ, one of the best and most aduenturous Captaines, is also taken prisoner, with aboue fourscore men at armes of account, and diuers Leaders, and Lieutenants of the horsemen: who all confesse, that they were hardly bestead, hotly encountred and assaulted by men of courage, and great valour. Yea this ouerthrow cost them deare: for there was taken and slaine of the enemies aboue fifteen hundred horse, who were not of the worst, but of their, chiefeest horse and horsemen.

On the Kings Maiesties side there was slaine about a dosen horses, which were of his light horsemen. Amongest whom the Marshall of the companie was slaine: his death is greatly bewayled, forasmuch as he was a man of great valor, and wonderfull courage.

The Duke de Maine arriued on the seuenth day of August, at the towne of Han, with all troupes of horsemen which he could gather. Of whom it need not be doubted, but that hee is of the opinion to recouer this losse, and to speed better then the rest of his chief captains did before him. Wherein if it may please God he fayle in his opinion, and obteine but the like successe, his forces would shortly be weakened, and his faction for the most parte confounded.

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This one thing is worthy the noting, that all men are now more willing to goe against him and his troupes, then they were against those that came first. And it may very well be, that sith the Duke de Main is not content with the two first losses and conflicts which hee receiued, that the next may worke some greater effect: for it was likely (being then so neere together as they were) that they should hardly part againe without comming neerer in viewe and battel one of the other.

In the meane space the Kings Maiesty lost no time about the siege of this towne: For on this day, being the seuenth day of August, the Canon beganne to play vpon a Church that standeth in the midst of the suburbs, which together with a great ditch, did strongly defend the same: wherby it is not found much weaker then the towne: the taking whereof could not but minister great occasion of aduantage, wherof the Kings Maiestie was in good hope. Neuerthelesse, he was coustrayned to leaue of and to restraints the forraine power which came vnto him from Germanie and England, who in most honourable sort are entered the Realme.

The Church aforesaide hauing receiued the force of the Canon, which played vpon it  
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from morning vntill three of the clocke in the after noone, had by that time a great breache made into the same: By meanes whereof, the Church was soone taken by a fierce assault made by the French and English companies. In which breach there was slayne about the number of thirtie enemies, besides whom there was to the number of fourty and fise, that were retired into the vaultes of the sayde Church, who yeelded themselues vnto the mercie of the Kinges Maiestie. And therevpon hee immediately graunted them their liues, and likewise liberty to depart with bag and baggage.

The assaultes of the towne, and winning of this Church, was the meanes for taking the Suburbs, and therefore a thing preiudiciall to the towne, not onely in respecte of the anoyance which the Kings forces did offer the enemy: but also for the men of war that were there slayne, of which the towne was but meanely and slenderly furnished at the time of their yeelding.

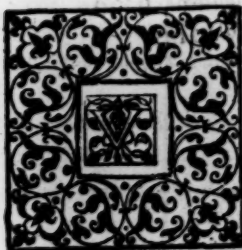
His Maiestie is aduertised that Rosue, who ledde the Duke de Maine his army towards Lorraine, is returned towards Laon, to which place the Duke is gone to ioyne with him, to the ende that they together might succour the



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the said towne. By meanes wherof, there is  
likelihoode of a great battaile and conflict very  
shortly to be geuen to the Duke de Maine, the  
rather, in respect that his Maiestie, and all  
the Nobilitie about him, stand  
very resolutely in his  
defence.

THE COMPOSITION EN-  
 suing was concluded on the seuenteenth day  
 of August, Anno 1591.



PON the seuenteenth day  
 of August, 1591. the  
 Lord of Ville, commander  
 in Noyan, as well for him  
 selfe, as for all the Gentle-  
 men, Soldiers, and other  
 Inhabitantes of the sayde  
 Towne, hath promised to  
 receiue the saide Towne of Noyan into the King his  
 handes, upon Munday next following by Noone,  
 together with all the artillerie, the Munition for  
 warre, and victuals, which at that present time was  
 therein: vnlesse that on the morrow (being Sunday)  
 sometime of the day, the Duke de Maine doe giue his  
 Maiestie battaile, and so raise his siege: or at least,  
 that the Duke de Maine doe put in a thousand men  
 by force, to succour the said Towne of Noyan, that  
 then the said Lord of Ville, the Gentlemen and Cap-  
 taines, with their armour, horses and baggage, and  
 the Souldiers with their weapons and horse, shall  
 depart, and the Inhabitants (doing their dueties,)  
 shalbe receaued into the Kings fauour, and intreated  
 as his other good Subiects, that dwell and remaine in  
 his other Townes.

That

### Articles of Agreement.

That the said Lord of Villes mother, may freeely remaine in the said Town, and enioy her goods, vpon perfourming the submission of loyall fidelitie as is accustomed of all his loyall Subiects.

Item, that if any of the Inhabitants of the sayde towne be desirous to depart, that they shall lawfullye depart among the men of warre.

That the said Lord of Ville shalbe permitted to sende the Lord of Broully to the said Duke of Maine, to aduertise him of the premisses, and that the King shall safe conduct him to that effect.

To the accomplishment of the premisses, the saide L. of Ville hath also promised to deliuer for Hostages, to his Maiestie, the Lorde of Rieulx, the Abbot of Genlis, with four of the chiefe of the Towne, such as his Maiestie shall choose. All which persons his Maiestie doeth promise vpon performance of the former conditions, to deliuer.

His Maiestie also graunteth to sende two Captens into the Towne, to see and keepe them during the said time, from labouring to the contrarie.

Geuen the xvij. of August. 1591.

Signed HENRIE.

And underneath. RVZE.

La Ville de Rieulx. La Chautrie. Brouly.



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His former discouſe (gentle reader) is not forged or feined, as ſome perhaps for malice will peccuſly report: neither is it fetcht from ſying and fabulous letters, ordinarie reports on the Exchange, or publiſhed vpon raſh warrant, as ſome, I know, will not ſtick to utter: but the ſame is ſet forth for ſuch credit as cannot be diſproued, being agreeable to the intelligence ſent from his Maieſtie into England, to the Lord Ambaſſador for Fraunce. And although the ſame bee not publiſhed with ſuch eloquent phraſes as ſome newes which hath lately bene publiſhed, yet will I aſſure you (if both were examined by the wiſeſt) that this is of more truth, and without error, notwithstanding that much truth was promiſed, and little found but vntruth. For reformation whereof, be aſſured there is ſufficient order taken, that no newes whatſoener, ſhall hereafter paſſe in print, but that which is certain, and known to be true.

Besides this, you ſhall very ſhortly haue publiſhed the good ſucceſſe which the Lord Prince of Countie hath had in another part of Fraunce, in the behalfe of the French king: where he hath put a great number of the Leaguers to the ſayle. The manner of which bataille

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battaile shalbe particularlie published, being translated out of the French printed Copie, with his Maieslies owne letter sent vnto the said Prince of Countie, together with the honourable letter of Sir Roger Willyams, in the behalfe of his Countrey, sent vnto the Collonels and Captaines of Paris, challenging them to the combat, in respect of some false rumors giuen forth by them against English companies, which therein is plainly layd open.

